

ALBION FIRE DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioner Michael Allen Commissioner Michael Napolitano

Commissioner Anthony Leone Commissioner Sharon Remillard

Chief Richard Andrews Commissioner Daniel Adamski

Deputy Chief Robert Valentine Treasurer Raymond Neves

Tax Collector David Almond Attorney Louis DeSimone

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Michael Allen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Meeting made by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano . Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: There being no questions on this month' s bills, Commissioner Napolitano made a Motion to approve the bills for payment, seconded by Commissioner Leone. Motion passed 5-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collections for period 1/14/2015 to 3/10/2015 \$8,376.24. Collections for period 11/1/14 to 3/10/2015

\$773,387.37. Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report made by Commissioner Remillard, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of Accounts as of 2/28/2015 \$627,920.63. Register Balance \$621,257.71.

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report was reviewed. The Treasurer met with the Manager of Freedom Bank regarding the Tax Anticipation Line of Credit. They would require that the Officers guarantee this loan. Chief Andrews recommended that we look to the Blackstone Valley Credit Union at Town Hall. They handle these Lines of Credit for the other Fire Districts and do not require any personal guarantees. Chief Andrews advised that he was contacted by Robert Civetti who handled our account for Marcum, and he has opened his own Public Accounting business. Chief Andrews will contact both Mr. Civetti and Marcum LLC for quotations on our 2014 Compilation Audit. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Commissioner Napolitano, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Andrews presented his report for the Month of February with statistics on incidents, maintenance, and training. We responded to 128 calls, 84 in District and 44 Mutual Aid. Training hours for the month were 92 with YTD Hours 190. All state fire reports have been sent to the Fire Marshal's Office. Maintenance issues were reviewed by the Chief.

Motion to accept the Chief's Report made by Commissioner Leone, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Allen advised Commissioner Napolitano that he felt the Board should have been made aware of the article published in the Valley Breeze regarding the Attorney General's Law Suits before it appeared in the paper. Commissioner Napolitano agreed and stated that he had our legal counsel email the Valley Breeze a response to their questions but they called him with additional questions and were under a deadline.

Regarding the status of new L-20, Chief Andrews advised that he met with the Engineers in Florida on February 19 and he is awaiting final prints.

Regarding the sale of old L-20, Chief Andrews advised that the Truck was picked up on February 16 and arrived safely in Pennsylvania.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to heavy snow fall and ice buildup in the gutters, leaks occurred in the station. The insurance company sent an adjuster to review the situation and a contractor was hired to expose the walls to determine just where the leaks were coming from. Leaks have affected four offices. Rugs were removed from these offices and wall board removed to dry out the walls. The contractor will remove some vinyl siding on the outside of the building to be sure problem is rectified.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Colonel Rene Remillard expressed his thoughts that the Board continues to do a great job for the taxpayers of Albion.

He emphasized that the meetings are open to the public and he wishes some residents would attend the monthly meetings.

He also commented that we need to educate the public on the subject of Consolidation and the cost of fire service in the state. Chief Andrews stated that the information being published by Ken Block indicates that he does not know his facts.

Colonel Remillard agrees that the Commissioners should have been informed prior to Commissioner Napolitano's article being published in the Valley Breeze.

Commissioner Leone made a Motion to enter into Executive Session under RIGL42-45-5(a)1 for discussion of a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Commissioner Leone made a Motion to reopen the Open Session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

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No votes were taken in Executive Session except to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of January 13, 2015. Motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session made by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Napolitano. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Leone made a Motion to Close the Open Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Adamski. Motion passed 5-0.

Lois E. Moore
District Clerk